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Dy No. J.C 80 dated 6.12.37
from the D.C Mysore
Brings to notice the activities of M.N.
Lakshminarayana Rao, the Legal Adviser of the
Mysore Bank, Mysore Branch.

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Draft of a letter put up
for perusal before issue.

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No. 1836/CS. dated 3.1.38
To The Chairman of the Bd
of Directors of the Mysore Bank

CHIEF SECRETARY
29 DEC 1937
GOVT. OF MYSORE

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DEWAN'S OFFICE
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DEWAN'S MINUTE.

FILE No. 193 .

Has the Mysore Bank taken action against Mr. Lakshmiranaya Rao Mine advocate?
We should insist upon his removal.
Please ask him to hurry up. Otherwise may withdraw Mine own Mine & bank manager.
(Chief Secy) MJ 5-2-38

Subd.

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Kind reference is invited to flag 7. I should ascertain what action was taken at the meeting held on 19.1.38.
(Dewan) MJ 5/2

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MJ 7.2.38

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MJ 7.2.38.

No. 2106 dated 8.2.38

To Sri K.P. Puttanna Chetty.

Inquires what action was taken in the matter.

Letter dated 16.2.38

From Mr. B.K. Ramachar.

Says that the Dewan had been informed of the attempt made re: the legal advisers at Mysore & he was satisfied with it.

Submd for perusal with the Connected file.

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RE : Advocate Mr. M.Lakshminarayana Rao (President of the Bar Association, Mysore).

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This gentleman is the son of a retired acting Amildar - Mr. M.Narasimhiah of Hassan. After working in the office of late Mr. L.Sreenivasa Iyengar (Father of Advocate Mr. L.S.Raju) Bangalore, he set up practice in Mysore about 1913-14. Through the influence of late Mr. L.Sreenivasa Iyengar he was appointed as Standing Counsel of the Mysore Bank about 1930. He continues to be Bank Advocate.

Although Mr. Lakshminarayana Rao's father and Dr.S.Subba Rao, (the present Senior Surgeon) are sons of brothers, there does not appear to be any love lost between the two families. Mr. M.Lakshminarayana Rao and his father were the most aggressive opponents. When ~~the present~~ Dr. S.Subba Rao returned from England many years ago and they raised a strong protest that ~~the Senior Surgeon~~ Dr. S. Subba Rao and his people were out castes, not fit to be admitted to - orthodox Brahminfold. The campaign then started against Dr. S.Subba Rao and his relatives has by efflux of time waned to a great extent but it only shows the inherent attitude and perverse opposition of Mr. M.Lakshminarayana Rao to rising men of his own blood.

Mr. Lakshminarayana Rao's paternal uncle Seetharamiah is a dismissed Clerk. He was practising for some time as a Mokhtyar and he is now at Mysore without practice. His son one Sharma is a Congressite.

Mr. Lakshminarayana Rao is an enthusiastic supporter of active congressmen and he is directing operations behind the screen.

In the premises of the Bar Association of which he is the President now, he invariably engages himself with a band of Lawyers who are Congressites and talks as if he is a great exponent of Congress Creed. In-Camera meetings of ~~Congress Committee~~ are now and then held by him. When Mr. Changalraya Reddi had come down to Mysore on 18-11-1937 there was an incamera meeting with him in the Bar Association room itself when Mr. Lakshminarayana Rao and some lawyers who are congressites were present. Mr. Changalraya reddi narrated about the A.I.C.C. and K.P.C.C. proceedings, expressed his heart felt thanks to the

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Mysore Lawyers for supporting Congress and appealed to them to go to villages for Congress propoganda.

In the cases now launched against Messrs. S.Rangaramiah and M.N.Jois under Section 124(A) I.P.C., Mr. Lakshminarayana Rao is the leading Advocate for the accused. Having executed a Bond for Rs 5,000/-., he has stood surety for S.Rangaramiah who was released on bail by the High Court on 11-12-1937.

On 6-12-1937 an incamera meeting was held in the Bar Association when the question of Boy-cotting the " Hindu" was discussed, the reason being that the " Hindu" has not been publishing properly and fully the Congress affairs in Mysore.

Mr. Lakshminarayana Rao's close association with the Mysore Bank (Local Branch) has given him a status and influence. His continued service in the Bank has certainly helped him to acquire some property.

Mr. B.Vasudeva Murthy who has been the Advocate for the Mysore Bank, Bangalore resigned his President-ship of Bangalore Law Association. Mr. M.P Somashekara Rao who is a friend and relation of Mr. Lakshminarayana Rao has become the President of the Bangalore Law Association.

If it is not out of place to say so, my humble opinion is that a man of strong anti-Government propensities like Mr. M.Lakshminarayana Rao is unfit to hold the position of the legal Adviser of the premier of the Banking Concern in the State.

In Bangalore Mr. K.Shankarnarayana Rao was the Bank's Advocate till he was appointed District Judge. Afterwards the Bank invited applications. Mr. E.S.Venkatarama Iyer was selected. Afterwards Mr. B.Vasudeva Murthy. Neither of the gentleman have ever exhibited anti-Government tendency either directly or indirectly.

In Madras no legal Adviser of the Madras Bank or of the Imperial Bank or the present Reserve Bank of India is ever known as a man dabbling in political matters.

It stands to reason that a Banks' legal adviser must belong to no party and particularly he must be a steaunch supporter of established Government

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Government. His association with the Bank if he happens to belong to the opposition camp, ~~he~~ is at once detrimental to the interests of the Bank and the Government.

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Sd/- A.Rangaswami Iyengar.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE
MYSORE DISTRICT

Mysore
Dated 14-12-'37

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A. Rangaswami Iyengar

District Superintendent of Police
Mysore District.

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No. 1834/CS 93-37-103

Strictly confidential. Dated 3.1.38

My dear Sir,

I am desired to bring to your notice the following information which has reached Government regarding Mr. M.Lakshminarayana Rao, Legal Adviser to the Bank of Mysore, Mysore Branch. He is reported to have been exhibiting ~~anti-Govt. tendency and dabbling in political activities in associating with congress there~~ a tendency anti-Govt in character and subversive in politics and associating with many. Govt, therefore, feel that ~~it is undesirable that~~ a man of such propensities ~~should be allowed~~ cannot be a desirable person to hold the position of a Legal Adviser to the Premier of the Banking concerns in the State.

whose main object is misrepresentation of Govt's policy thereby deluding the people.

I am, therefore, to request you to be so good as to ~~take necessary action in the matter and~~ consider whether it ~~may~~ would not be in the ~~good~~ interests of the Bank to select a person who does not ~~belong to any party and is a staunch supporter of established Govt.~~ hold such strong views against the Govt + its clientele

Yours sincerely,

29/1/38

Chief Secretary.

Rajasabhabhushana Diwan Bahadur
Dr. Sir K.P.Puttanna Chetty, LL.D.,
Chairman of the Board of Directors,
The Bank of Mysore, Bangalore.

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No. 1834/CS-93-37-103 3rd January 8

Strictly confidential.

I am desired to bring to your kind notice the following information which has reached Government regarding Mr. M. Lakshminarayana Rao, Legal Adviser to the Bank of Mysore, Mysore Branch. He is reported to have been exhibiting a tendency anti-government in character and subversive in politics and associating with people whose main object is misrepresentation of Government's policy thereby deluding the people. Government, therefore, feel that a man of such propensities cannot be a desirable person to hold the position of a Legal Adviser to the Premier Banking concern in the State.

I am, therefore, to request you to be so good as to consider whether it would not be in the interests of the Bank and its clientele to select a person who does not hold such strong views against the Government.

Rajasabhabhushana Diwan Bahadur
Dr. Sir K.P.Puttanna Chetty, LL.D.,
Chairman of the Board of Directors,
The Bank of Mysore, Bangalore.

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The Bank of Mysore Ltd.

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COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED
TO THE MANAGER.

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Bangalore 12.1.38

DEWAN'S OFFICE
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Dear mr. B. T. Keshaviengar

I duly received your Confidential D.O.no 1834/cB93-37 of the 3rd inst. I am sorry that mr. M. Lakshminarayana Rao should have misbehaved in the manner stated in your letter. Of course in deference to the wishes of the Government of Mysore, mr. Lakshminarayana Rao will be relieved of his duties as Solicitor of the Bank and a less objectionable gentleman will be appointed in his place. The matter will come up before the Board of Directors on the 19th inst for final decision.

Yours Sincerely
K. Hattangadi

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Confidential:

No. 2106/CS. 93-37-

With reference to your letter dated 12th January 1938 stating that the question of relieving Mr. M.Lakshminarayana Rao of the duties of Solicitor of the Bank of Mysore would come up before a meeting of the Board of Directors on 19th January 1938, I am desired to request that the decision of the Board in the matter may kindly be intimated for the information of Government.

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Rajasabhabhushana Diwan Bahadur
Dr. Sir K.P.Puttanna Chetty, LL.D.,
Chairman of the Board of Directors,
The Bank of Mysore, Bangalore.

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BANK OF MYSORE,
BANGALORE.
16th Febry, 38.

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Dear Mr.Keshavaiengar,

I had seen the Dewan Saheb this morning and explained him the arrangement made by the Bank regarding the legal adviser at Mysore.

He was satisfied with the arrangement.

Yours sincerely,

B.T.Keshavaiengar,Esq.,B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government
of His Highness The Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.